(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Information is not available.

(*d*) The question is vague. It is not possible to give the number of petitions presented during such a long period.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

With reference to answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know what the reason is for not giving remission of assessment although the silting process was going on for the last 20 years?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

As far as possible, remission of wet assessment is being given under those tanks.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

When there was no cultivation for the last so many years, why should the kandayam be paid?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

The question of affording some relief is under the active consideration of the Government.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

Are there any more tanks under which wet cultivation has not been going on for so many years like the one under discussion?

Second Member of Council.—

Not likely.

MR. CHIKNANJAREDDI (Bagepalli Taluk).—

Q.—10. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that the capacity of many of the tanks in villages has been reduced, due to their being silted up long after the construction of such tanks?

(*b*) The additional extent included in the original atchkat after resurvey?

(*c*) The number of such tanks the atchkat of which was increased with the permission of the Public Works Department and the number under which the atchkat was increased on the initiative of the Revenue Department?

(*d*) The result of action taken by Government to investigate into the question of the inadequacy of water-supply in such tanks to irrigate both the old and new atchkat?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—10. (*a*) The question is vague.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The information is not readily available. No useful purpose will be served either by the proposed compilation of statistics. The standing orders provide for the conversion of the tail end lands on the merits of each case.

MESSRS. VENKATAVARADACHAR (Chickballapur Taluk), and J. S. THIMMARAYA SETTY (Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board).—

Q.—12. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether drinking water wells were sunk in any of the villages at the cost of Taluk Boards and District Boards?

(*b*) The number of such wells that have now dried up in spite of heavy outlay incurred on account of them?

(*c*) Whether it is possible to improve such wells to make them useful for the public?

(*d*) The expenditure incurred either by Government or the Board to sink these wells? (A list containing these particulars to be kindly furnished.)

(*e*) The districts in which there is difficulty for drinking water in villages?

(*f*) The number of Government villages in Kolar District?

(*g*) The number of villages in which drinking water wells were sunk at the cost of Government; of these, what is the number of Adikarnataka wells?

(*h*) The number of petitions received for the last three years for sinking of wells and the names of taluks from which the petitions were received?

(*i*) The number of such petitions pending disposal and from when, and the number relating to Adikarnataka wells?